The Constitution (Eighty-Eighth) Amendment Bill, 1999

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): I beg to move for leave to introduce the Constitution (Eighty-eighth) Amendment Bill, 1999, to incorporate a proviso to Article 335 of the Constitution with a view to enable the State to restore the relaxations in qualifying marks in any examination and lowering the standards of evaluation in the matter of reservation and promotion of SCs & STs. It may be recalled that these relaxations had been withdrawn as per the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training on 22.7.97 in pursuance of the Supreme Court judgment dated 1.10.96 in the case of Shri S. Vinod Kumar versus Union of India. The Bill seeks to restore the relaxation of qualifying marks, standards of evaluation in the matters of reservation in promotion as were prevalent before 22.7.97. With these words, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Constitution (Eighty-eighth Amendment) Bill, 1999.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MOTION FOR REFERENCE OF THE PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES AND FARMERS' RIGHTS BILL, 1999 TO JOINT COMMITTEE

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Sir, I move the following Motion:-

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do join in the Joint Committee of the

Houses on the Bill to provide for the establishment of an Authority to give an effective system for protection of the rights of plants breeders and farmers, and to encourage the development of new varieties of plants, and to give effect to sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 3 of article 27 in Part II of the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, and resolves that the following members of the Rajya Sabha be nominated to serve on the said Joint Committee":-

1. Shri Janardhana Poojary
2. Shri V. Kishore Chandra S. Deo
3. Dr. Ranbir Singh
4. Shri Onkar Singh Lakhawat
5. Shri Yadlapati Venkat Rao
6. Prof. M. Sankaralingam
7. Shri Sanjay Nirupam
8. Shri Balwant Singh Ramoowalia
9. Dr. Biplab Dasgupta
10. Shri Gurudas Das Gupta

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR REFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION BILL, 1999 TO JOINT COMMITTEE

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): Sir, I move the following Motion:-

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do join in the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill to provide for the constitution of a Central Vigilance Commission to inquire or cause inquiries to be conducted into offences alleged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 by certain categories of public servants of the Central Government, corporations established by or under any